Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Is there any idea to make that canal navigable?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— There is at present no idea.

Construction of a Town Hall at Ernakulam.

164. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they propose to construct a Town Hall at Ernakulam and if the answer be in the affirmative, whether they have decided on the site for the same and if decided, what is the name or description of the site chosen?

Mr. V. K. Arvindaksha Menon.—Yes. The site has not been fixed.

Full-time Engineer for Mechanical, etc., Departments.

165. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a proposal to appoint a full-time Engineer for Mechanical, Electrical and Water Works Department in view of the introduction of electricity in the State;

(b) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative the reasons thereof?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Drivers at Water Works Head Works, Chowwara.

166. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many drivers are there at Water Works Head Works, Chowwara;

(b) who are the present incumbents and what are their pay, services and qualifications;

(c) is not Mr. Karunakara Menon, one of the drivers, senior in service, and better qualified for promotion in place of Mr. D. M. Raju, promoted as Water Works Supervisor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) 3.

(b) A list is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

(c) Please see list appended. No. 1 is better qualified for promotion.

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